



1300 I Street, NW ■ Washington, DC 20005-3315 ■ 202.408.4000 ■ Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

ERNEST F. CHAPMAN
202-408-4096

December 27, 2001

j1131 U.S. PTO



12/27/01

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 05788.020
CUSTOMER NO. 22,852

10/026883 PTO
12/27/01

**Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

New U.S. Patent Application

Title: SUBMARINE CABLE BRANCHING UNIT WITH CURRENT
LIMITER

Inventor and Address:

Alberto PIROVANO
Casatenovo, Italy

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 19 pages, including 3 independent claim and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings- 6 sheets of drawings containing 15 figures.
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449
with documents attached.
4. Preliminary Amendment
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
December 27, 2001
Page 2

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	12	-	20		x \$18	
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$84	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$280	
Subtotal						\$ 740.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 740.00

A check for \$740.00 is enclosed.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for
filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application No.
00128547.7, filed December 27, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application
No. 60/259223 filed January 3, 2001.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow,
Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P.
1300 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3315

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due
and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this

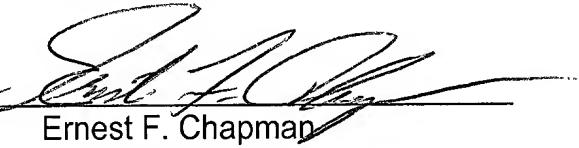
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
December 27, 2001
Page 3

application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By:


Ernest F. Chapman
Reg. No. 25,961

EFC/FPD/dvz
Enclosures